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PIPAVAV THERMAL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat and NTPC have signed an MoU for setting up of 1000 MW power Project at Pipavav in joint venture;

(b) if so, the present status of the project;

(c) whether the project is held up due to non-allotment of Coal Mining Block to NTPC by the Ministry of Coal;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in allocation of the coal Mining Block to NTPC; and

(e) the time by which the Coal Mining Block is likely to be allotted to NTPC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : An MOU was signed by NTPC Limited with Gujarat Power Corporation Ltd. (GPCL) and Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) on 20.02.2004 for setting up a 1000 MW Power Project at Pipavav in Amreli Distt. of Gujarat, as a 50:50 Joint venture project of NTPC Limited and Gujarat Power Corporation Limited (GPCL)/agencies of Government of Gujarat, based on techno-economic feasibility to be carried out and selection of optimum fuel.

NTPC Limited, in consultation with GPCL, has taken up various site specific studies to establish feasibility of the project. Various works, related to site specific studies have also been awarded by NTPC to various agencies, which are being carried out.

Initially NTPC/GPCL had applied for allotment of coal mining block for Pipavav project. However, the same could not be allotted. NTPC Ltd. has now requested for coal linkage. Ministry of Power has recommended the request of coal linkage to Ministry of Coal. Ministry of Coal has requested NTPC Ltd. to deposit the processing fee and apply in proper format for coal linkage for Pipavav project vide letter dated 14.08.2006.